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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for propagating data over a network, comprising:

determining a sequential first set of network addresses;

mapping [[the]] a range of addresses in the sequential first set of network addresses to a second set of addresses wherein the second set of addresses is a one to one mapping of the range of address from addresses in the first set and wherein the addresses in the second set are not in increasing address order;

traversing the second set of addresses to find another element of the network; transferring the data to the another element of the network and along with an indication of at least a portion of the addresses remaining in the second set by specifying a range of addresses in the second set of addresses.

- 2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the mapping is a function based on a primitive element.
- 3. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 traversing the second set of addresses to find a second element of the computer network and transferring the data to the second element of the computer network and an indication of at least a second portion of the addresses remaining in the second set that have not been traversed.
- 4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the indication of the at least a portion of the addresses remaining comprises a function used to perform that mapping.
- 5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the network comprises Internet Protocol addresses.
- 6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5 wherein the network is coupled to the Internet.
- 7. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5 wherein the network comprises a subnet.
- 8. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the element of the computer network comprises a computing device.

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9. (Currently amended) A system for propagating data over a network, comprising:

A processor;

A memory device in communication with the processor and storing a sequential first set of network addresses;

A set of computer readable instruction stored on a memory device that is in communication with the processor for carrying out a mapping of [[the]] <u>a</u> range of addresses <u>in the sequential first set of network address</u> to a second set of addresses wherein the second set of addresses is a one to one mapping of the <u>range of addresses in address from</u> the first set and wherein the addresses in the second set are not in increasing address order;

A set of computer readable instructions stored on a memory device in communication with the processor for carrying out a traversing of the second set of addresses to find another element of the network;

A set of computer readable instructions stored on a memory device in communication with the processor for carrying out a retransferring of the data to the another element of the network and along with an indication of at least a portion of the addresses remaining in the second set by specifying a range of addresses in the second set of addresses.

- 10. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein the mapping is a function based on a primitive element.
- 11. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9 comprising a set of computer readable instructions in communication with a memory device for carrying out a traversing of the second set of addresses to find a second element of the computer network and transferring the data to the second element of the computer network and an indication of at least a second portion of the addresses remaining in the second set that have not been traversed.
- 12. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein the indication of the at least a portion of the addresses remaining comprises a function used to perform that mapping.
- 13. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein the network comprises Internet Protocol addresses.

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14. (Original) The system as recited in claim 13 wherein the network is coupled to the

Internet.

15. (Original) The system as recited in claim 13 wherein the network comprises a subnet.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 9 wherein the element of the computer network

comprises a computing device.

17. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium bearing computer readable

instructions for propagating data over a network, comprising:

instructions for determining a sequential first set of network addresses;

instructions for mapping [[the]] a range of addresses in the sequential first set of

network address to a second set of addresses wherein the second set of addresses is a one to

one mapping of the <u>range of addresses in</u> address from the first set and wherein the addresses

in the second set are not in increasing address order;

instructions for traversing the second set of addresses to find another element of the

network;

instructions for transferring the data to the another element of the network and along

with an indication of at least a portion of the addresses remaining in the second set by

specifying a range of addresses in the second set of addresses.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17 wherein the mapping is

a function based on a primitive element.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17 comprising instructions

for traversing the second set of addresses to find a second element of the computer network

and transferring the data to the second element of the computer network and an indication of

at least a second portion of the addresses remaining in the second set that have not been

traversed.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17 wherein the indication

of the at least a portion of the addresses remaining comprises a function used to perform that

mapping.

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21. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17 wherein the network comprises Internet Protocol addresses.

- 22. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 21 wherein the network is coupled to the Internet.
- 23. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 21 wherein the network comprises a subnet.
- 24. (Original) The computer-readable medium as recited in claim 17 wherein the element of the computer network comprises a computing device.
- 25. (Currently amended) A method for distributed computing propagation, comprising:
 - (a) determining a sequential first set of network addresses;
- (b) mapping [[the]] <u>a</u> range of addresses <u>in the sequential first set of network address</u> to a second set of addresses wherein the second set of addresses is a one to one mapping of the <u>range of addresses in address from</u> the first set and wherein the addresses in the second set are not in increasing address order;
- (c) traversing the second set of addresses to <u>locate</u> at least two other elements of the network;
- (d) transferring a set of computer readable instructions to the <u>at least two other</u> <u>elements another element</u> of the network to carry out a distributed computing function; and
- (e) transferring an indication of at least a portion of the addresses remaining in the second set by specifying a range of addresses in the second set of addresses along with a set of computer-readable instructions for carrying out acts (a) through (d) to the at least two other elements.
- 26. (Original) The method as recited in claim 25 wherein the mapping is a function based on a primitive element.
- 27. (Original) The method as recited in claim 25 wherein the indication of the at least a portion of the addresses remaining comprises a function used to perform that mapping.

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28. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the network comprises Internet Protocol addresses.

- 29. (Original) The method as recited in claim 26 wherein the network is coupled to the Internet.
- 30. (Original) The method as recited in claim 26 wherein the network comprises a subnet.
- 31. (Original) The method as recited in claim 25 wherein the element of the computer network comprises a computing device.